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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office communication mailed on June 29, 2004 setting a period for a response expiring on July 29, 2004. This response supercedes and replaces the responses signed by the undersigned and mailed on March 29, 2004 and November 12, 2003, which responses were deemed by the examiner to be non-responsive, and which responses, we believe, have not been entered. Therefore, the status of the claims is that no claims have been cancelled, and that the claims pending are claims 1-64.

We appreciate the telephone interview granted by the examiner Mr. Marschel on July 27, 2004 concerning the status of the application. The Office communication mailed on June 29, 2004 was discussed as to the reason why the responses of March 29, 2004 and November 12, 2003, were deemed by the examiner to be non-responsive. The examiner indicated that since the rules for claim cancellation were not complied with in the response of November 12, 2003, it is not clear what claims are pending in the application. The response of November 12, 2003 is thus non-responsive. The response of March 29, 2004 did not indicate whether it supercedes the prior response of November 12, 2003, so that it is still not clear what claims are pending in the

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